

The

Grapevine

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DFW Connector Hits Major Milestones

A milestone in the DFW Connector project occurred on December 12, when officials cut the ribbon on the new Main Street bridge. The bridge which has eight lanes is an important and symbolic part of the project that will add capacity into downtown Grapevine. December also marked the 60% completion point in the project. There are several other milestones to be celebrated in the coming months, including the William D. Tate bridge which will be complete in mid 2012, and the start of the Texan Trail bridge construction.



Post-Christmas Recycling & Tree-Cycling Event

Saturday, January 7, 2012

The City of Grapevine will be hosting its first Post-Christmas Recycling & Tree-Cycling event Saturday, January 7, 2012, from 8 am-12 pm at the Municipal Service Center, 501 Shady Brook Drive for Grapevine residents.

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ACCEPTED RECYCLABLE ITEMS: Cardboard, paper, plastic, metal. Document shredding will also be available at this event.

CHRISTMAS TREES: In addition, the City will be mulching clean (non-flocked, ornament, light and tinsel free) Christmas trees and providing mulch for residents at no charge. Free mulch will be available for pick-up at the Dove Loop trail-head parking lot located on Dove Loop Road, directly behind Cross

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Lifestyle Improvement Challenge

Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine is collaborat-



ing with local communities to encourage and promote healthy lifestyles. The hospital will provide several awards to cities to utilize for local healthy initiatives totaling \$50,000 for efforts in Northeast Tarrant and Southern Denton counties. The City of Grapevine will be partnering with Baylor in this healthier lifestyle promotion by awarding cash prizes to the winners who join the campaign and successfully lose the most weight between January 1 and March 31, 2012. To join the city of Grapevine's weight loss challenge, contact Jeff Smith, at jdsmith@grapevinetexas.gov or by calling 817-410-3456. Must be 18 or older to be eligible to participate in this weight loss challenge. The first 1,000 participants will receive a complimentary drawstring backpack.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place male and female winners.

Parks and Rec

Athletics

Youth

Tennis Lessons

Registration: Session 03 - January 30
Classes Range from Pee Wee (3-6) to Adults
Fees: From \$34/person to \$90/person

Spring Youth Volleyball

Registration: February 1-17
Late Registration: February 18-23 (add 10% late fee)
Season Dates: March 24-April 28
Fees: \$65/individual resident, \$75/individual non-resident, \$310/resident team and \$330/non-resident team

Adult

Winter Indoor Volleyball

Registration: January 29-February 5
Late Registration: February 6-13 (add 10% late fee)
Season Dates: February 20-April 5
Fees: \$155/team

Spring Softball

Registration: January 29-February 5
Late Registration: February 6-13 (add 10% late fee)
Season Dates: February 19-April 29
Fees: \$170/COED For Fun team, \$320/Men's D, E, Super E, COED Rec, Church teams

Spring Kickball

Registration: January 29-February 5
Late Registration: February 6-13 (add 10% late fee)
Season Dates: February 19-April 29
Fees: \$320/COED Rec team

Spring Flag Football 4/4

Registration: February 19-26
Late Registration: February 27-March 5 (add 10% late fee)
Season Dates: March 13-May 1
Fees: \$235/team

Spring Flag Football 8/8

Registration: February 26-March 4
Late Registration: March 5-12 (add 10% late fee)
Season Dates: March 18-May 27
Fees: \$315/team

Community Activities Center

Summer Camp Registration

Yes, Christmas just passed but summer camp registration

begins January 29th. Register now so your children have spots reserved in all of the cool camps that will be taking place this summer!

Grapevine Baseball/Softball Association

Time to register for Youth Baseball and Softball.

Did you know that Grapevine has a 13 million dollar world class baseball/softball facility on Lake Grapevine with fields for your children. Grapevine Baseball Softball Association (GBSA) provides baseball/softball leagues for youth from 3 to 18 years of age that will help your child make new friends, build self-confidence and learn a sport that they can enjoy for the rest of their life. Registration began December 1st at gbsa.org.



Private Guitar Lessons

Receive guitar instruction from University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University trained musician Jeff Escude. Jeff has over 10 years of guitar instruction experience and has studied under Carlo Pezzimenti, Clint Strong, Joe Lee and Fred Hamilton. Whether you are interested in playing solo guitar, rock, pop, country, jazz or blues, Jeff will help you grow to find your own original sound. For inquiries, please contact David Mote at 817-410-3454 or dmote@grapevinetexas.gov.

Keep Grapevine Beautiful

Liberty Mutual Insurance is proud to host the MLK Sunday Supper. – Inspired by the legacy of Dr. King, America's Sunday Supper invites people from diverse backgrounds to come together to volunteer, share a meal, discuss issues that affect their community and highlight the power each one of us has to make a difference. Liberty Mutual Insurance in partnership with Keep Grapevine Beautiful is pleased to sponsor this unique and memorable event.

January 16, 2012, marks the beginning of the year of service as millions of Americans honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by volunteering in their communities. Liberty Mutual and Keep Grapevine Beautiful supports this day through a meaningful community project and meal in the spirit of Dr. King's work and legacy.

When – Sunday, January 15, 2012

Where – Studio D. Galleron, 202 W. Wall Street

Time - 2-4 pm Community Service; 4:30-6 pm Sunday Supper

To join in this effort, visit kgvb.org and complete the 'Contact Us' form designating 'MLK Sunday Supper' as the choice for your volunteer time. If you have further questions, e-mail mjtellin@grapevinetexas.gov.



Cameron Powell

*Texas
Recreation
and Parks
Societies
Region 2
Part-Time
Employee of
the Year,
2011.*



Meadowmere Park Provides Additional Amenities

In January 2009, the City of Grapevine applied for and received the first of two grants for the construction of a low water boat ramp at Meadowmere Park. This project was intended to provide boat access to Grapevine Lake during times when all other boat ramps were closed due to low water levels on the lake.

The original grant for \$271,299, funded the ramp, courtesy dock, lighting, and parking lot improvements. The second grant received in January 2010, for \$198,750 funded a tournament pavilion, restroom, signage, landscaping, and sidewalk. A formal ribbon cutting is being planned for the spring. Other amenities at the park include primitive campsites, day-use picnic sites, playground, swim beach, kayak rentals, hiking areas, bird watching, firewood sales, special event area and 5K/10K certified courses.

To reserve the pavilion for your family reunion or other group function, please call 817-410-3470. 🍇

Citizen Police Academy Accepting Applicants

The Grapevine Police Department Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is held twice a year, once during the spring and once during the fall. The Academy is open to any resident, employees of the City of Grapevine and their families, free of charge. During the 14-week academy, students will have the unique opportunity to see and interact with Police Department personnel as never before.

Students will observe all of the functions of this Police Department and see its innermost workings.

The goal of this academy is to strengthen communications between the department and the community we serve. To provide a safe environment, citizens and police must jointly address issues and solutions.

The Grapevine Police Department is

currently taking applications for the 26th CPA class which is scheduled to begin in February 2012 and the 27th CPA class begins in August 2012. If you are interested, please visit the City of Grapevine website at grapevinetexas.gov for more information or to download an application. If you have any questions please contact, Sgt. Dale Roath at 817-410-3206. daler@grapevinetexas.gov. 🍇

2012 City Officer Election Information

The Grapevine City Officer Election is May 12, 2012. The first day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot is February 6th. Grapevine City Council members are elected at-large, meaning that each represents the entire citizenry. The last day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot is Monday, March 5th. The positions of Mayor, City Council Place 1 and City Council Place 2 are up for election this year.

Informational candidate packets will be available after January 17, 2012, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 200 South Main Street, First Floor,

817- 410-3182.

Are you a registered voter? To vote in any election, you must be registered with the Tarrant County Elections Administration 30 days prior to any election. The Grapevine City Officer Election is May 12, 2012, so you must be registered by April 12th to be eligible to cast your ballot.

You may register to vote, change your address, or inquire to see if you are registered by calling the Tarrant County Elections Administration 817-831-8683. Voter registration cards are also available at the Grapevine Library or at Grapevine City Hall. 🍇

Certified Birth Certificates Available

For persons born in Texas 1926 to present – child must be two months old.

City Secretary's Office,
200 South Main, First Floor

For further information, visit grapevinetexas.gov/depts/citysecretary or call 817-410-3181. 🍇

Convention and Visitors Bureau

FIRST FRIDAY FILM SERIES AT THE PALACE - Palace Theatre; 300 S. Main Street - 7:30 pm. January 6th - *12 Angry Men*; February 3rd - *Blazing Saddles*; \$5 per person.

GRAPEVINE VINTAGE RAILROAD - Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main Street. Hop aboard the Grapevine Vintage Railroad and step back in time to the 19th century. The Grapevine Vintage Railroad resumes service with its spring schedule on Feb. 18th. President's Day Train, Feb. 19th - Celebrate our first president, George Washington! Bring his dollar bill to the snack bar for dollar hot dogs and dollar drinks on this President's Day Run. Visit gvrr.com for more details.

BREAD BAKING - Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street. Feb. 11th; 10 am - 12 pm. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun at the farm! For more details visit nashfarm.org.

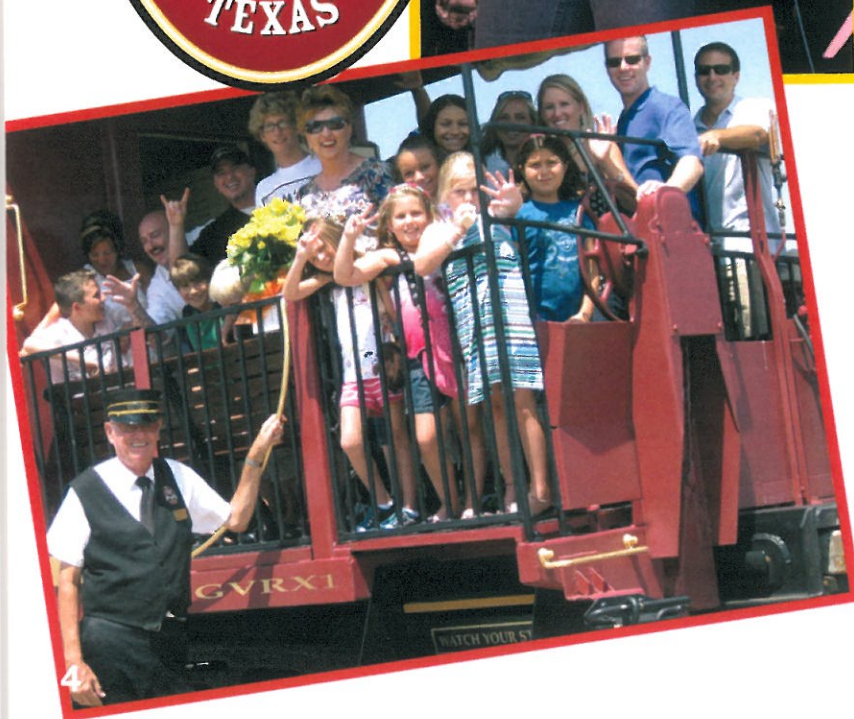
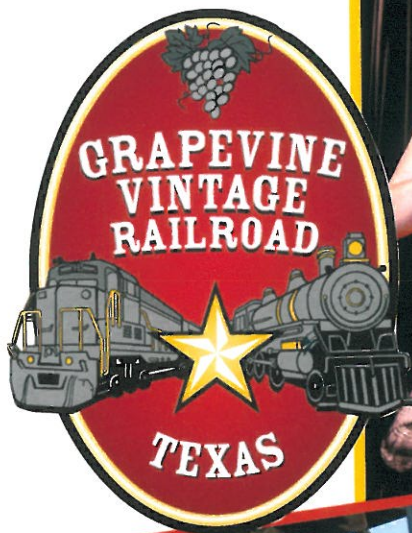
SWEETHEART EXPRESS WINE TRAIN - Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main Street. February 11th; 7 pm. The magic begins with live entertainment as you board the train and

enjoy a complimentary glass of wine in a commemorative souvenir wine glass. Additional wine may be purchased from various Grapevine wineries at cash bars available onboard the train. The evening excursion will include romantic musical favorites and will top off with delectable desserts on the return trip. Visit gvrr.com for more details.

SWEETHEART WINE TRAIL - Historic Downtown Grapevine. February 11th - 12th; 11 am - 5 pm. Go hand in hand along the Sweetheart Wine Trail in Grapevine. Enjoy a memorable day of romance with good fun, great love and the finest wines! For more details, visit grapevinewine-trail.com.

ZACK KING CONCERT - Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main Street. February 24th, 7:30 pm; \$10 & \$15. For more information, visit palace-theatre.com or call 817-410-3100.

GRAPEVINE OPRY - Palace Theatre; most Saturday nights; 300 S. Main Street - 7:30 pm. One of the premier live country music shows in the nation. *All shows subject to change. Call 817-481-8733 or visit gvopry.com for updated show and ticket information. Jan. 7th - LEGENDS - Makin' Time With Patsy Cline; Jan. 14th - New Artist Saturday; Jan. 21st - LEGENDS - The Balladeer Marty Robbins; Jan. 28th - Fabulous Fifties Jukebox. Feb. 4th - Country Music Showcase; Feb. 10th - Nathan Belt & Friends; Feb. 11th - This Is Elvis!; Feb. 18th - Country Music Showcase; Feb. 25th - Give It To Me Strait: Tribute to George Strait. 🍇



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Timbers Winery. This mulch is not for commercial use.

E-WASTE ACCEPTED: E-waste: computers, printers, TVs, etc.

RE-USE ITEMS: printer cartridges, batteries, sneakers, gardening tools, prescription eye glasses, and books will be donated to local charities.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ARE: Household Hazardous Waste (paint, oil, pesticide/herbicides, etc.), liquids, unknown waste, ammunition/explosives, closed cylinders (extinguishers, propane tanks), medical waste, radioactive material, commercial or business waste. For more information, please call 817-410-3330. 🍇

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Grapevine Pride Through the Years

A Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the Republic of Texas and the Indian Tribes in 1843 opened North Texas for settlement. The first settlers had begun to arrive on the Grape Vine Prairie in 1840s, included families from the Peters Colony and Missouri Colony. They built log cabins, established businesses, churches and schools. A second group came in the 1850s, including the Jenkins and Lipscomb groups. In 1854, the settlers drew up plans for the original township to be named Grape Vine.

The rich prairie land and plentiful water for farming and raising cattle provided a good life. In 1888, the Cotton Belt Railroad arrived and the community began to thrive as an agricultural trade center. Cotton became king followed by dairy farms and later truck farming.

Grapevine's population reached 500 in 1900. In 1907, Grape Vine was incorporated. To promote growth and increase business in 1914, the merchants formed a Trade Excursion to the surrounding settlements. When times were hard in the late 1920s and 30s, Mayor B. R. Wall facilitated the opening of the Grapevine Cannery in 1936 to help provide food and employment during the Depression.

The construction of the Grapevine Dam and Reservoir project broke ground in 1948. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers selected the Denton Creek area for flood control, recreation, and a water supply for area municipalities. Grapevine's population had grown to 2,800 by 1960.

In 1964-65, the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce became very active as plans to build a regional airport were announced. Two-thirds of the airport would be located in the City of Grapevine. The first landing of a supersonic Concorde in the United States occurred at Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport to commemorate the airport's

completion. Grapevine's population jumped to 7,800 in 1974. The original name of the airport was changed in 1985 to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and is the second largest airport in the United States.

The Grapevine Tourist & Convention Bureau was formed in 1974. The city added a new library, parks, senior citizen's center, Torian Cabin was moved to Liberty Park, and the old depot was moved to Heritage Park as a museum. Grapevine's population in 1980 was near 12,000. Grapevine Medical Center becomes affiliated with Baylor Health Care System in 1981. The city became a member of the Texas Main Street Program as a "self-initiated" city in 1984.

Grapevine's rapid growth continued into the 21st Century. "Historic Preservation in Grapevine is not purely a nostalgic look backwards in time. Instead, it is an exciting way for Grapevine to celebrate and promote the foundation of the community and to

launch new business ventures and protecting its sense of place. In 2006 Grapevine was named a "National Main Street City" and listed on the National Register of Historic Places." Population in 2010 reached near 50,000.

Credit for information: Grapevine History Time Line prepared by Sallie Andrews and Images of America: Grapevine by Grapevine Historical Society with Joe Ann Standlee and Margaret Harper. Submitted by Joe Ann Standlee, Historian for Grapevine Historical Society.



New Parking Lots to Add Capacity for Downtown Businesses

In an effort to add capacity for parking to our bustling downtown area, the city recently purchased two tracts of land that will add approximately 90 public parking spaces. The new lots are located on Texas Street and Worth Street. The lot on Texas Street is in the area behind City Hall and the Palace Theater (the former home to a childcare center) and will provide about 60 spaces. The second lot is on Worth Street and will add 30 spaces to the east side of downtown. The lot on Texas Street is now open and the lot on Worth Street will be open by spring.

Grapevine Library

Healthy Snacks for Healthy Kids

Chef Scott Horowitz will be our special guest for Family Storytime on Thursday, January 12th at 7 pm. He will teach us how to make easy, healthy snacks and talk about the importance of nutrition.

Make & Take Valentines

Join us for Make & Take Craft Night on Thursday, February 9th at 7 pm. We'll provide everything you need to make beautiful Valentines for your family and friends and other fun Valentine's Day crafts.



Lovey Dovey

Come join Margaret Clauder, aka Lovey Dovey, as she performs her Love, Love, Love show at Family Storytime on Thursday, February 16th at 7 pm. A veteran children's

performer, Margaret will thrill her audience with funny love magic. Also an accomplished puppeteer and ventriloquist, children will delight with Priscilla Puckerup when she talks about her boyfriend and laugh at Grouchy the Dinosaur as he learns to not be so difficult and instead to get along with others.



Muzzy Online Foreign Language Learning for Children

Muzzy Online is now available through our website. This valuable resource has been made available

thanks to the Friends of the Library, which means that it is available to you absolutely free with just your library card number. Children will find interactive games and activities that make language learning fun! Choose from French, Spanish, English, German, or Italian.

World Book Online Resources

Grapevine Public Library offers access to the extensive resources of World Book Online. Available at grapevine.lib.tx.us either in-house or remotely using your library card number. In addition to an online encyclopedia, World Book has e-books, tutorials, timelines, primary sources, games and read-along books for children and much more! Other features include text-to-voice and foreign language translation of articles. Due to the popularity of World Book Online over the last year, we have added three new modules: Craft Corner, Science Power, and Social Studies. Please take some time to explore these new resources.

eBook Seminar

Were you one of the lucky ones who received a new e-reader over the holidays? Join us on Tuesday, January 10th at 7 pm to learn how to download FREE library books to your Kindle, Nook, or other e-reader.

Identity Theft

Join Jason Keller from the Grapevine Police Department on a presentation about keeping yourself, and your information safe while using the internet. This presentation will be held on Tuesday, January 24th at 7 pm.



Voices

Esther Malone will be presenting Voices: A Black History Celebration on Saturday, February 4th at 2 pm. Hear the voices of those who have come & gone before us. Experience, feel & celebrate history. Please join us for this inviting look into the history of the African-American experience.

Retirement Planning

In this presentation we'll discuss important issues related to retirement planning including things to consider before beginning; the differences between accumulation and distribution; the financial planning process; and how a well-prepared plan can help you reach the goal of having your retirement money last as long as you do. Thursday, January 12th at 7 pm. 🍇

Senior Activities Center (SAC)

All activities are available to adults 55 years and better! For more information, please call 817-410-8130. The Senior Activities Center is located at 421 Church Street.

Computer Class Registration

Computer class registration takes place on Monday, January 9, for the next session of free classes that begins the following week. Register in person 9 am-12 pm or by telephone 1-2 pm. A complete list of classes offered is available at the SAC or at playgrapevine.com.

Writing 101-New Class!

Learn how to take your story ideas and build them into well-structured tales, whether fact or fiction. No experience necessary. Class meets Thursdays, February 16-March 22, 1-3 pm. Please call to sign up!

AARP Driver Safety

Tuesday, January 10, from 1-5 pm. Successful completion of the four-hour course helps to reduce the cost of your automobile liability insurance premium. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Please call to register.

AARP Tax-Aide

February 1 - April 11 by appointment

If you need assistance with your taxes, qualified volunteers are available on Wednesdays to help those in the low to middle income range with special emphasis given to those aged 60 and over. Please call for an appointment. 🍇

GREENER Cleaner Grapevine

Recycling Pilot Program

The City is partnering with Allied Waste on a three-month cart recycling pilot program in two areas of town. The residents in the pilot area will be provided with 65 or 95 gallon rolling recycling carts that will be picked up weekly on their usual recycling day instead of the blue bins. If you are in the pilot area, you should have already received notification. The program will begin in January and, at the end of the three-month period, the City Council will determine a) whether the use of the carts has increased the amount of materials being recycled and b) whether residents find the carts convenient. If you have questions regarding this pilot program, please contact Vickie Bennett at vbennett@grapevinetexas.gov or call 817-410-3330.

Phone Book Recycling

Did you know phone books are recyclable? They can be dropped in the large recycling container at the Municipal Service Center or your blue recycling bin.

Trail Trekking For Trash

Join us for a unique event. While the trees are bare, these ideal conditions allow us to spruce up our woods and trails. Volunteers will be equipped with supplies and directions then be dispersed to one of our target sites. Sites will include

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New Traffic Signals Make Debut

In October, the City activated a new traffic signal and removed the temporary signal at the intersection of Mustang Drive and Stone Myers Parkway. The new traffic signal at this location is unique because it is the first signal in Grapevine to utilize a Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) left turn display, instead of a green ball unprotected left turn.

The new FYA display has four arrow sections, as described below.

Steady Green Arrow – The left turn movement is “protected”, meaning that no conflicting movements are allowed. Proceed to turn with caution.

Steady Yellow Arrow – The signal is about to change to red. Prepare to stop

or prepare to complete a turn if legally within the intersection and no conflicting traffic is present.

Steady Red Arrow – Left turn traffic must stop and wait.

Flashing Yellow Arrow – Left turns are “permitted”, meaning that oncoming traffic has a green and left turning vehicles may proceed cautiously, after yielding to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians.

This type of display has been required by the Federal Highway Administration for use nationally for certain types of new installations since 2009, and will be required under Texas law by the end of 2011. These standards

were implemented based on extensive research and consideration by national experts because the FYA left turn display has several advantages over traditional left turn displays.

As the new standard for some conditions, the FYA display is now in use at numerous intersections throughout the country and is becoming increasingly common in many cities in the Dallas/Fort Worth region.

The deployment of FYA left turn displays is intended to occur at other traffic signals throughout the City in coordination with planned upgrades of the displays or other significant rehabilitation projects. 🍇

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817-410-3000
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City Secretary's Office
817-410-3182
Community Activities Center
817-410-3450
Convention and Visitors Bureau
817-410-3185
Fire Department
911, 817-410-8100
Grapevine Library
817-410-3400
Municipal Court
817-410-3284
Parks & Recreation
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911, 817-410-3255
Public Works
817-410-3330
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Annual Police vs. Fire Softball Challenge

The Grapevine Shield Foundation is proud to host their third annual Grapevine Police (Watchmen) vs. Grapevine Fire (Smoke Eaters) Softball Challenge on Saturday, April 30 at 3 pm at Oak Grove Ballfield, 2520 Oak Grove Loop South, Grapevine. The Watchmen, and the Smoke Eaters, will battle it out in this third-annual Police vs. Fire Softball Challenge. The softball challenge will kick-off with a home run hitting contest with the game following. Former Texas Rangers baseball players, Jose Guzman, and Jeff Russell, will be present throughout this exciting game. Bring the kids and your cameras for great photo opportunities with these gracious athletes as well as various emergency units and equipment that will be on display. Many various local businesses have also generously donated wonderful prizes which will be raffled off or placed in a silent auction during the game.

This fund-raising event for the Grapevine Shield Foundation is taken very seriously by the Police and Fire Departments. With the



Watchmen prevailing last year, they will be defending their title as the Smoke Eaters bring-the-heat in this intense shoot-out! The winning team will take home a trophy and bragging rights for one year!

The Grapevine Shield Foundation provides financial support to Grapevine Police and Firefighters and their families. For more information, please visit grapevineshield.org.

This year's event is proudly sponsored by St. Francis Catholic Church Outreach Ministry, Frost Bank, Classic Chevrolet, Green Light Driving Academy, Grapevine Baseball Softball Association (GBSA), The Grapevine Dentist, The Gaylord Texan Resort and Mad Duck Cyclery. We hope you are able to join us as we watch some of Grapevine's finest exhibit their true grit to aid the Grapevine Shield Foundation and the assistance they provide. 🍇

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Rockledge Park, Lakeview Park, Horseshoe Trails and Bear Creek Park. Upon returning, volunteers will be treated to refreshments and prizes. This is a really 'cool' thing to do on a Saturday morning and a great way to kick off your New Year resolutions of fitness, giving back to the community and going green.

When – Saturday, January 28, 2012

Where – City of Grapevine Municipal Service Center, 501 Shady Brook Drive
Time – 9 am – 12 pm

To join in this effort, visit kgvb.org and complete the 'Contact Us' form designating 'Trail Trekking' as the choice for your volunteer time. If you have further questions, e-mail mjtellin@grapevinetexas.gov. 🍇